KNOW all men by these presents, that WE

are held and firmly bound to Esquire, treasurer of the United States of America, in the penalty of TWENTY THOUSAND SPANISH MILLED DOLLARS, or other money equivalent thereto, to be paid to the said treasurer, as aforesaid, or to his successors in that office. To which payment well and truly to be made and done, WE bind ourselves, our heirs, executors, and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents. Sealed with our seals, and dated, the day of in the year of our Lord and in the year of the Independence of the United States.

THE condition of this obligation is such, That whereas the above bounden master and commander of the called belonging to mounting carriage-guns, and navigated by men, who hath applied for and received a commission, bearing date with these presents, licensing and authorizing him to fit out and set forth the said in a warlike manner, and by and with the said and the officers and crew thereof, by force of arms to attack, subdue, seize, and take all ships and other vessels, goods, wares, and merchandises, belonging to the crown of Great Britain, or any of the subjects thereof, and any other ships or vessels, goods, wares, and merchandises, to whomsoever belonging, which are or shall be declared to be subjects of capture, by any resolutions of Congress, or which are so deemed by the law of nations. If therefore the said shall not exceed or transgress the powers and authorities given and granted to him, in and by the said commission, or which are or shall be given and granted to him, by any resolutions, acts, or instructions of Congress, but shall in all things govern and conduct himself, as master and commander of the said and the officers and crew belonging to the same, by and according to the said commission, resolutions, acts, and instructions, and any treaties subsisting or which may subsist between the United States of America and any prince, power, or potentate whatever; and shall not violate the law of nations, or the rights of neutral powers, or of any of their subjects; and shall make reparation for all damages sustained by any misconduct or unwarrantable proceedings of himself or the officers or crew of the said then this obligation to be void; otherwise to remain in full force.

Signed, sealed, and delivered,
in presence of

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Roger Butterfield
March '76

Mrs. Bennett paid $400 for these and four other Franklin imprints

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